

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claim 5 is amended and Claims 6-10 are added by the present amendment.

Amended Claim 5 and new Claims 6-10 are supported by the originally filed specification at least at page 22, lines 19-30, and in Figure 1. Thus, it is believed no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,737,693 to Aldridge et al. (herein “Aldridge”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,625,448 to Stern; and Claims 1-4 were allowed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner’s allowance of Claims 1-4.

Further, applicant respectfully notes that some of the references made of record in the IDS filed March 6, 2003, were not indicated as having been considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form filed March 6, 2003 be provided indicating that the Examiner has considered all references.

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Aldridge in view of Stern. Applicant respectfully traverses that rejection.

Amended Claim 5 is directed to a peripheral unit for acoustic test for connecting a mobile phone terminal with a terminal acoustic evaluation unit that carries out an evaluation test of acoustic characteristics of the mobile phone terminal. The peripheral unit for acoustic test includes a dedicated connection port that communicates with the terminal acoustic evaluation unit using a first signal according to a first communication format, a first general purpose connection port that communicates with the mobile phone terminal using a second signal according to a second communication format, and a second general purpose

connection port that communicates with an external device using a third signal according to the second communication format. In addition, the peripheral unit for acoustic test includes a format converter that converts the first signal according to the first communication format on the dedicated connection port to the second signal according to the second communication format on the first general purpose connection port.

This arrangement advantageously results in simplified testing of mobile phone terminals.¹

Applicant respectfully submits that the combined teachings of Aldridge and Stern do not teach or suggest the features of amended Claim 5. In FIG. 3, Aldridge discloses a BB simulation sub-system 40 that includes an interface bus 50 (e.g., dedicated communication port) to communicate with a PCIF Card 35 (e.g., terminal acoustic evaluation unit), IQ Port 110 or GPIO port 120 (e.g., first general purpose communication port) to communicate with an RF Subsystem Under Test 25 (e.g., mobile phone terminal), and TAC port 100 (e.g., second general purpose communication port) to communicate with External Source 52 (e.g., external device).

However, Aldridge does not disclose that a communication format of the IQ Port 110, a communication format of the GPIO port 120, or a communication format of the TAC port 100 are the same communication format, as are the communication formats of the first and second general communication ports in the claimed invention. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Aldridge does not teach or suggest “a first general purpose connection port configured to communicate with said mobile phone terminal using a second signal according to a second communication format; [and] a second general purpose connection port configured to communicate with an external device using a third signal according to the second communication format,” as in amended Claim 5.

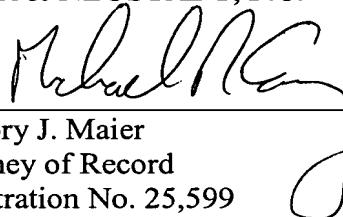
¹ Specification at page 11, lines 14-20.

Further, applicants respectfully submit that Stern also does not teach or suggest the features of amended Claim 5. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 5 and the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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